been issued showcause notices and whether his Ministry failed to ensure compliance with the price fixed;

(d) what are the full details and would the matter be investigated in details; and

(e) what was the price fixed for each combination and what is the price for which this is being marketed?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) Combination formulation of Dextropropoxyphene and Paracetamol marketed by M/s. Wockhardt Limited are manufactured by M/s. Ultim Pharmaceuticals, an SSI unit. Prices of these formulations have been fixed under DPCO, 1987 as per details given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Sl.No.	Name of the Formulation	Pack size	Retail Price (Rs.)
1	Proxyvon Capsules	6's	3·64
2	Proxyvon Capsules	500's	271·17
3	Butaproxyvon Capsules	6's	3·52
4	Spasmoproxyvon Capsules	6's	3·85

Overcharging on Dextropropoxyphene Hcl

2036. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that since his Ministry has not enforced the notified price of Dextropropoxyphene Hcl, the formulations based on this drug are being sold without price approval;

(b) how much price is being over-charged by the leading brands and what is the total amount being over-charged;

(c) whether it is a fact that this amount runs into crores of rupees yet no action has been taken against the producers; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to fix the responsibility in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) An instance of Proxyvon range of formulations based on bulk drug Dextropropoxyphene being marketed without price approval under DPCO, 1987, had recently come to the notice of the Government. A show cause notice has been issued to the concerned company. Prices of various packs of these formulations have already been fixed under DPCO 1987.

Prices of Vitamin formulations

2037. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4603 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th September, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the prices of Vitamin formulations fixed for Sandoz and Pfizer under DPCO, 1979 and what were the prices being charged by the companies for their vitamin products; and

(b) what are the prices of Vitamin products of Pfizer fixed under DPCO, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The details of prices fixed for various Vitamin formulations of M/s. Pfizer under DPCO, 1979 and DPCO, 1987 are given in reply to Unstarred Question 1421 answered on 21-11-1988. The details of prices fixed for multivitamin products of M/s. Sandoz (India) Ltd. under DPCO, 1979 are given in the attached statement (*See* below). The company had been charging their own price as per Orders of the Bombay High Court.

Statement

Sl.No	Name of the Formulation	Pack Size	Price fixed on 10th March, 1986 under DPCO. 1979 (Rs.)
1	Calcium Tablets with Vit. C-D and B12	50's Bottle	5·78
2	Calcium Tablets with Vit. C. D & B12	200's Bottle	18·84
3	Nutrisan Caps.	30's Bottle	8·03
4	Do.	90's Bottle	21·66
5	Do.	450's Bottle	92·40
6	Hematrine Caps.	40's Bottle	9·72
7	Do.	500's Bottle	93·04
8	Hematrine Liq.	85ml. Bottle	5·19
9	Do.	200ml Bottle	9·33
10	Metules Caps.	30's	9·84
11	Do.	90's	27·09
12	Calgufar Tabs.	100's Bottle	8·00
13	Do.	500's Bottle	28·19
14	Macalvil Syrup	85ml	6·54
15	Do.	200ml	12·51

Overcharging by drug companies

2038. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1557 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd December, 1985 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of overcharging the consumer by more than 200 drug companies came to the notice of his Ministry;

(b) if so, in how many cases his Ministry has worked out the amount of overcharging during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that despite the instance of overcharging having come to the notice of his Ministry neither any action under Essential Commodity has been taken nor the amount overcharged has been recovered as per the provisions of DPCO, 1979; and

(d) if so, what effective steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Information to the extent available is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) Action to recover the amounts would be taken as per due process of law.